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**FEATURE – MAJOR LEAGUER PITCHES IN AT USDA**

INTRO: Many Major League baseball players spend the offseason hunting, fishing, or golfing. But the Pittsburgh Pirates Ross Ohlendorf spent part of his off season at the U-S Department of Agriculture. The USDA's Bob Ellison has more. (1:30)

ROSS OHLENDORF'S FULL TIME JOB IS PITCHING FOR THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES. BUT AFTER THE PAST SEASON ENDED, HE CAME TO THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN WASHINGTON D-C TO WORK AS AN INTERN.

Ross Ohlendorf, Major League Pitcher: I've always had an interest in agriculture. I grew up in Austin, but my dad he grew up on a farm just outside. For the last fifteen years we've raised longhorns. So I've had a big interest in agriculture. Through that time when I'm still at home in the off season go out there and help my dad with the cattle.

OHLENDORF INTERNED WITH U-S-D-A'S MARKETING AND REGULATORY STAFF RESEARCHING IMPORTANT ISSUES AND LEARNING ABOUT U-S-D-A.

Ohlendorf: There are a lot of programs at USDA and it's overwhelming with how everything works, how the different programs interact with each other and what programs are out there.

OHLENDORF SAYS HE ENJOYED HIS OFFSEASON IN WASHINGTON AND WANTS TO BE A TOUR GUIDE FOR HIS TEAMMATES.

Ohlendorf: Next year when we come to DC during the season, it'll be fun to kind of show them around and show them some of the buildings that I've gotten to see and tell them a little bit about it.

AND AFTER HIS BASEBALL CAREER, OHLENDORF MIGHT FIND HIS WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON.

Ohlendorf: Part of having the internship is to see what working in government involves and kind of gauge my interest in if I would want to do this after playing.

IN WASHINGTON D-C FOR THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE I'M BOB ELLISON.